

which is a commercial-off-the-shelf product modified to include DoD standards point of location codes (SPLC) and several locations within CONUS and overseas. Use of DTOD will move DoD closer to a single, automated, and widely used commercial standard for all its various transportation programs. DTOD and PC*MILER will be subject to the same version control process and will feature delivery systems compatible with current commercial usage for like products.

Comment: Carrier information systems use AS400 and Unix operating systems. It is not clear whether DTOD will run on these larger systems.

Response: DoD has chosen to use a Windows NT operating system. However, carriers are free to license a PC*MILER version that will run on an operating system of their choice. ALK currently has versions of PC*MILER for AS400 and Unix operating systems.

Comment: Many small businesses do not have updated computer capability or do not use computers.

Response: MTMC realizes that all carriers do not operate their businesses in the same way. However, current and future business practices are centered on the use of computers in one way or another. As the business process changes to embrace principles of electronic commerce (e.g., electronic data interchange and electronic funds transfer), MTMC is anxious to capitalize on the economies and efficiencies those changes represent. MTMC is confident that commercial shippers and transportation providers are moving in the same direction.

Comment: PC*MILER is unproven in industry and lacks version control.

Response: Currently, over 9500 shippers and carriers in commercial transportation are using PC*MILER. The DTOD project office, in conjunction with the software vendor, will maintain precise versions control of the distance software to ensure all parties (finance centers, audit agencies, shippers, and carriers) have the same version of DTOD/PC*MILER at the same time.

Comment: DoD's proposed implementation of DTOD in its freight program violates the Regulatory Flexibility Act by failing to include an initial regulatory flexibility analysis.

Response: DoD's decision to adopt and implement a single, integrated mileage calculation source is a procurement policy decision that is directly related to the basis DoD will use to pay for commercial transportation services. The decision and steps taken to implement DTOD in DoD's freight program relate to public contracts and are exempt from the Regulatory

Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601-612. This policy decision to implement a single distance calculation source for internal agency travel entitlement and procurement purposes is not considered rule making within the meaning of the Administrative Procedure Act or the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

2. Regulatory Flexibility Act

Implementation of this policy change in DoD's freight program involves public contracts and is designed to standardize distance calculation in the payment and audit process. This change is not considered rule making within the meaning of the Administrative Procedures Act or the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601-612.

3. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3051, et seq., does not apply because no information collection reporting or records keeping responsibilities are imposed on offerors, contractors, or members of the public.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Web-Based Education Commission; Notice of Establishment

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Education.

ACTION: Notice of Establishment of the Web-Based Education Commission.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Education announces his intention to establish the Web-Based Education Commission under the authority of the Higher Education Act of 1998 (Pub. L. 105-244) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C.A. Appendix 2).

PURPOSE: The Secretary has determined that the establishment of the Web-Based Education Commission is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Department by law. This Commission is required to conduct a thorough study to assess the educational software available in retail markets for secondary and postsecondary students who choose to use such software. The Commission will hold public hearings throughout the United States to produce this study. The Commission will issue a final report to the President and Congress, not later than six months after the first meeting. This report shall contain a detailed statement of the

findings and conclusions together with its recommendations. The recommendations shall address what legislation and administrative actions they consider appropriate; and what they regard as the appropriate Federal role in determining the quality of the educational software products. The Commission shall consist of Fourteen members, appointed by the President, Secretary, and Congress, who have expertise in the Internet technology industry, in accreditation, establishing statewide curricula, and establishing information technology networks pertaining to education curricula.

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Dated: January 26, 1999.

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Secretary of Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation

Date and Time: Thursday, March 4, 1999, 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

Place: The Latham Hotel, 3000 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037, (202) 726-5000. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. An individual with a disability who will need an accommodation to participate in the meeting (e.g., interpreting service, assistive listening device, or materials in an alternate format) should notify the contact person listed in this notice at least two weeks before the scheduled meeting date. Although the Department will attempt to meet a request received after that date, the requested accommodations may not be available because of insufficient time to arrange them.

Status:

Parts of this meeting will be open to the public.

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Matters to be Considered: The standard of accreditation applied to medical schools by several foreign countries and the comparability of those standards to the standards of accreditation applied to United States medical schools. Discussions of the standards of accreditation will be held in sessions open to the public. Discussions that focus on specific